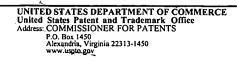


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1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on Appellant 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CF			
$2. \boxtimes$ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered by	ecause:		
(a) X they raise new issues that would require furth	er consideration and/or search	(see NOTE below);	
(b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note	below);		
(c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application issues for appeal; and/or	in better form for appeal by ma	terially reducing or	simplifying the
(d) they present additional claims without cance	ling a corresponding number of	finally rejected clai	ms.
NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.			
3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection	ction(s):		
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would canceling the non-allowable claim(s).	d be allowable if submitted in a s	separate, timely file	d amendment
5. ☐ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request for application in condition for allowance because: _		sidered but does N	OT place the
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered be raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.	cause it is not directed SOLELY	to issues which we	ere newly
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendmen explanation of how the new or amended claims w			and an
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows	•		
Claim(s) allowed:			
Claim(s) objected to: 3,4 and 25-27.			
Claim(s) rejected: 1,2,5-20 and 31.	•		
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 21-24 and	<u> 27-30</u> .		
8. The drawing correction filed on is a) app	proved or b) \square disapproved by	the Examiner.	
9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statemen	ent(s)(PTO-1449) Paper No(s).	·	//,
10. Other:			

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Continuation of 2. NOTE: The proposed amendments to independent claims 1, 13, 16, and 17 recite generating a degree of interest value relative to a "sibling order distance" from a focus node. Such a sibling order distance has not been previously expressed by any claim, and therefore requires further search and consideration. Additionally, the proposed amendments alter claims 21, 28, and 29 such that they are each dependent upon claim 1. However, since claims 21, 28, and 29 were withdrawn in the previous Office Action as being directed to a non-elected invention, the subject matter of these claims has not been searched and considered. Thus, amended claims 21, 28, and 29, and any claims dependent upon them, each require further search and consideration.